

COURTHOUSE FIGHT AT KLAMATH FALLS TAKES A NEW TURN

Businessmen Offer Block of Land on Main Street as a Compromise Location for New \$200,000 Building.

(Special to The Journal.) Klamath Falls, Or., Jan. 6.—An entirely new phase has developed in the courthouse controversy, long drawn out in Klamath county. Almost two years ago the Klamath Development company made a tender of a five-acre tract in the middle of its addition, the tract to be given to the county absolutely free if a court house to cost not less than \$200,000 be built thereon within five years. County Judge W. B. Worden made the acceptance of this site one of the main planks in his platform when he was elected to office. He has at various times stated that he was strongly in favor of building the courthouse on the Hot Springs site, but any other suitable site was offered without expense to the county he would be willing to give the proffered site consideration.

The Hot Springs site is in the extreme east end of the present city. It has been strongly objected to for this reason. The present court house is in the center of the business district. The location is objected to on the ground that the place is too noisy and that the ground in a general way is not adapted to a large building such as is proposed for county purposes.

Block of Land Offered
Now comes a delegation of property owners and business men who make the county court a tender of an entire block on the northerly side of Main street, two blocks west of the present courthouse. The premises are tendered to the county free of cost. The site is within the confines of old Linkville, the original county seat and from which the court house cannot be moved unless a three-fifths majority of the taxpayers of the county at a regular election vote in favor of removal.

The site offered has many good features. It is sufficiently elevated to make a structure appear conspicuous, it is close to the business center and yet is removed from the noise of heavy traffic.

There is but one objectionable feature. The much mooted Ankeny canal traverses a portion of the block. The donors of the site, however, propose to remedy this. They have filed an agreement with the court to lay a pipe line through the premises and to equip the pipe with sufficient taps to irrigate the entire grounds. They also agree to give the county free a perpetual water right from the Ankeny canal.

Business Men Will Buy Land
The site offered the court has been optioned to the committee and, if accepted by the court, is to be paid for with money pledged by property owners of what is called the uptown business district. There are three houses on the property, only one being modern. It is proposed that this be reserved as a home for the sheriff.

It cannot be ascertained what action the court proposes to take. Judge Worden is very reticent. Commissioner S. T. Summers is avowedly in favor of the Hot Springs site, or at least always has been, and Commissioner C. G. Merrill is out of the city.

ONTARIO, OR., COUNCIL NAMES SAME OFFICERS

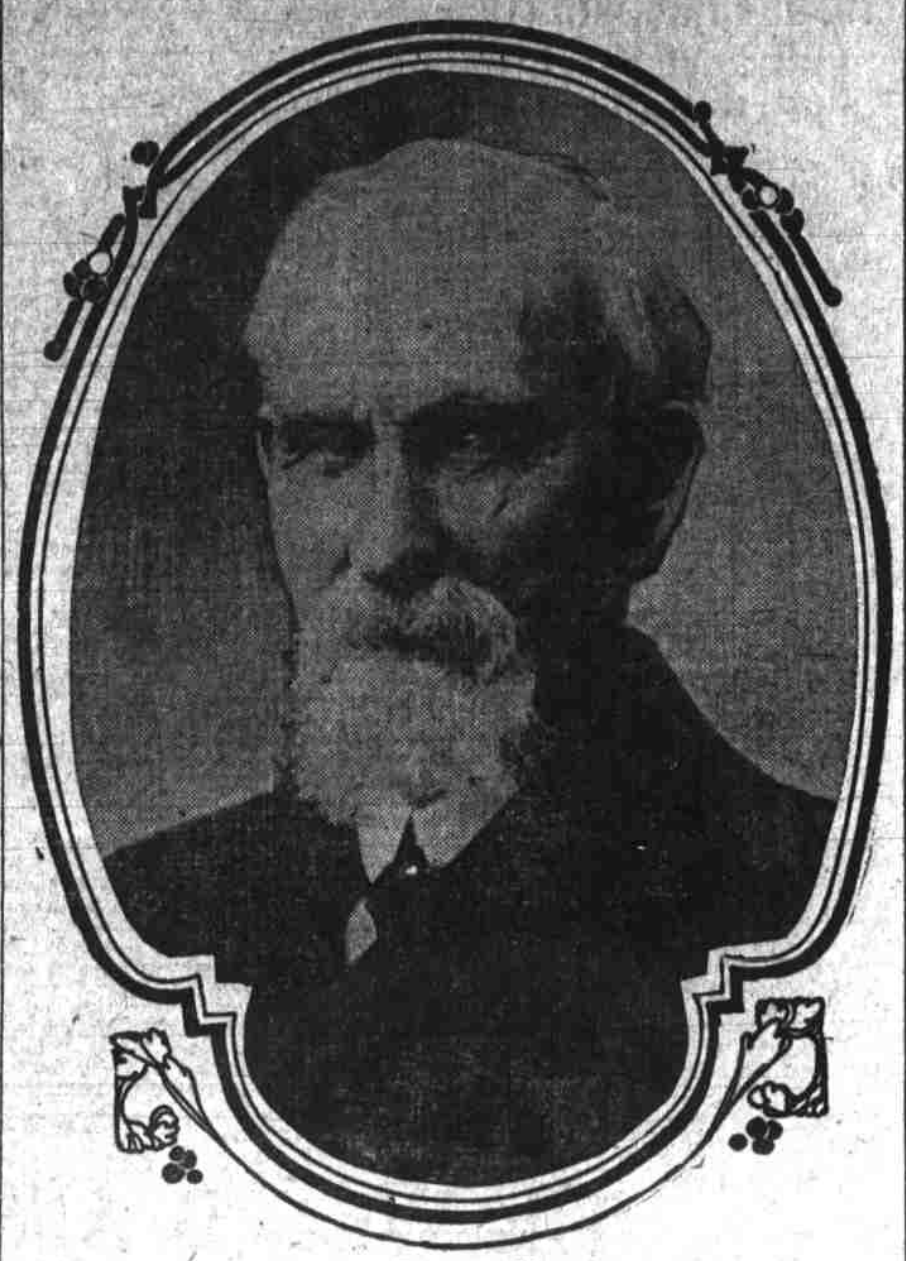
(Special to The Journal.) Ontario, Or., Jan. 6.—The second inauguration of A. W. Trow as mayor of Ontario took place this week. The new administration has all of the old officials who have been in charge of the city's affairs the past year. For the past three elections there has been practically no opposition to the ticket named at the caucus, only one set of candidates running. The administration the past two years has been progressive, more city improvements having been made than at any previous time in Ontario, and the unanimous endorsement by the mayor and council is receiving indicates the progressiveness of the citizens, too. Among the improvements for the coming summer will be the installing of a thorough drainage system. The councilmen elected with Mayor Trow at the last election were C. E. Kanyon, C. A. Martin, J. R. Gregg and J. H. Farley. The hold over councilmen were E. A. Fraser and H. C. Boyer. E. A. Fraser was elected president of the council. City Treasurer C. W. Platt was also re-elected for two years. Mayor Trow made the following appointments, which were confirmed by the council, all the appointments being the present holders: H. C. Grauel, city recorder; A. N. Solles, city attorney; Robert Odell, city marshal; Lee Noe, night watchman; H. C. Farmer, fire chief; Vernon V. Sparks, city engineer.

S. P. GETS ROUTE OVER FOREST GROVE STREETS

(Special to The Journal.) Forest Grove, Or., Jan. 6.—At a special meeting of the council last night a franchise was granted to the Southern Pacific company to lay rails over the following streets: Beginning at the east end of First avenue, south, running to Third street, thence up Third street 200 feet, then west through four blocks to A street, thence south to the end of A street and across fields to the main line about midway between the present depot in South Forest Grove and Dilley. This proposed loop leaves the main line about midway between the present depot in South Forest Grove and Cornelius. The council requires the S. P. to pave the width of a double track wherever paying may be done along the route.

Money for Federal Site Arrives.
The Dallas, Or., Jan. 6.—The purchase money for the postoffice site has been received from Washington, and the county court, from which the ground for the postoffice was bought, will prepare the necessary transfer conveying the property. The location selected for the government building is a plot 100x140 feet on Second street, just east of Hotel Dallas.

Minister Aged 78 Years Takes Short Course in Poultry Raising



Rev. Peter A. Moses.

(Special to The Journal.) Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Or., Jan. 6.—Among the students registered in the short course at the Oregon Agricultural College is the Reverend Peter A. Moses of Corvallis, 78 years of age. Mr. Moses is especially interested in poultry raising and is taking work in that department. This is the fifteenth annual session of the winter short course at O. A. C. and Mr. Moses states that he has attended very nearly all of them and still enjoys the lectures and other interesting features of the work. He has retired from active work. Mr. Moses is probably the oldest

short course student attending any of the colleges of the country. He was actively engaged in the ministry 54 years, having graduated from Randolph Macom College in Virginia 56 years ago. At one time he was a state senator of Arkansas and also served as president of two southern colleges. During the civil war, Rev. Moses served as a Confederate chaplain. Since that time he has been pastor of churches in Virginia, Tennessee, Arkansas, and Oregon, having filled the pulpit of the Corvallis Methodist Episcopal church, south, for a number of years. He has been a member of the Masonic lodge for 55 years.

BRITISH ARMY AND NAVY GOES AHEAD IN AVIATION

(By The International News Service.) London, Jan. 6.—Very quietly but very surely the British army and navy are progressing in aviation despite the poor financial encouragement given by the government. Last week aeroplane manufacturers and army aviators met in conference at the Royal United Services Institute, and great results are expected from this meeting. Young officers at Aldershot and elsewhere are constantly getting "special leave to fly" at one or other of the army aviation schools.

Colonel Cody, who is now a British subject and prefers to be called Mr. S. F. Cody, saw his own machine flown for the first time last week. The pilot was a clever young naval officer, Lieutenant Wilfrid Parke. Mr. Cody was the first aviator in this country to obtain the new "Special Certificate" given by the Royal United Services Institute, and great results are expected from this meeting. Young officers at Aldershot and elsewhere are constantly getting "special leave to fly" at one or other of the army aviation schools.

GEN. BADEN-POWELL TO VISIT PORTLAND

General Sir Robert S. Baden-Powell, one of England's foremost soldiers and statesmen, is coming to Portland. He will make a visit to New York February 9 and 10, and soon thereafter will make a brief tour of the Pacific coast. It is expected that the distinguished party will arrive about March 1.

In America, General Baden-Powell is best known as the founder of the British Boy Scouts, and on his tour of the country he will be the guest of honor of the American Boy Scouts, visiting only such cities as have well organized commands and where the spirit of the boys is full of patriotism.

General Baden-Powell comes to America to attend the second annual meeting of the National Council of Boy Scouts of America, and is accompanied by James B. West, chief scout executive. In New York more than 5000 boys will gather from many parts of the state to act as a guard of honor for their leader.

CORPORATIONS TO AID ROSE FESTIVAL, 1912

B. S. Josselyn, president of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company, sent a letter to Ralph W. Hoyt, president of the Rose Festival association, yesterday, saying that the company will contribute to the 1912 festival an amount equal to the contribution of last year. This included a large cash contribution, track, light and power and altogether represents more than \$5000.

A letter also came from Guy Talbot, saying that the Portland Gas & Coke company, of which he is president, will give to the festival an amount equal to the contribution of last year. A contribution for the festival, an estimate of its value, a definition of its importance, and a suggestion that decorations by merchants be made permanent were all contained in a letter received by Mr. Hoyt from Paul C. Murphy, vice president of the Laurelhurst company. He sent a check for \$125.

J. H. JONES WOULD BE JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

Joseph H. Jones, 505 Front street, a deputy in the office of Sheriff Stevens, filed his declaration of intentions to become a candidate in the primary election for justice of the peace on the Republican ticket. "Progressive: Rich or poor, high or low, equal justice and protection" is what he wishes printed after his name on the ballot in a letter received by Mr. Hoyt from Paul C. Murphy, vice president of the Laurelhurst company. He sent a check for \$125.

The following platform is what Mr. Jones stands upon: "If nominated and elected, I will, during my term of office, oppose lengthy litigation, and favor enjoining the jurisdiction of the justice court in civil matters to \$1000. I favor compelling big business interests to comply with the laws enacted for the protection of men, women and children in their employment. I favor humane treatment of dumb animals, and the protection of the fish and game laws. I favor giving practical protection to our citizens against crooks and crooked dealers. I favor municipal wood yards and ice plants. If nominated and elected, I will do more than simply draw my salary."

BABY SLAIN BECAUSE OF HIGH LIVING COST

(United Press Local Wire.) Santa Barbara, Cal., Jan. 6.—The trial of John Rech, charged with the murder of his four hours old baby, was continued today until next Monday, when it is expected the case will be given to the jury. Rech murmured continually today of the high cost of living and his inability to support his family. The prosecution today introduced a saloon keeper who testified that Rech's expenditure in his place averaged \$50 a month. An employee of a local bank testified that Rech had \$1,500 on deposit the day he is alleged to have killed the infant.

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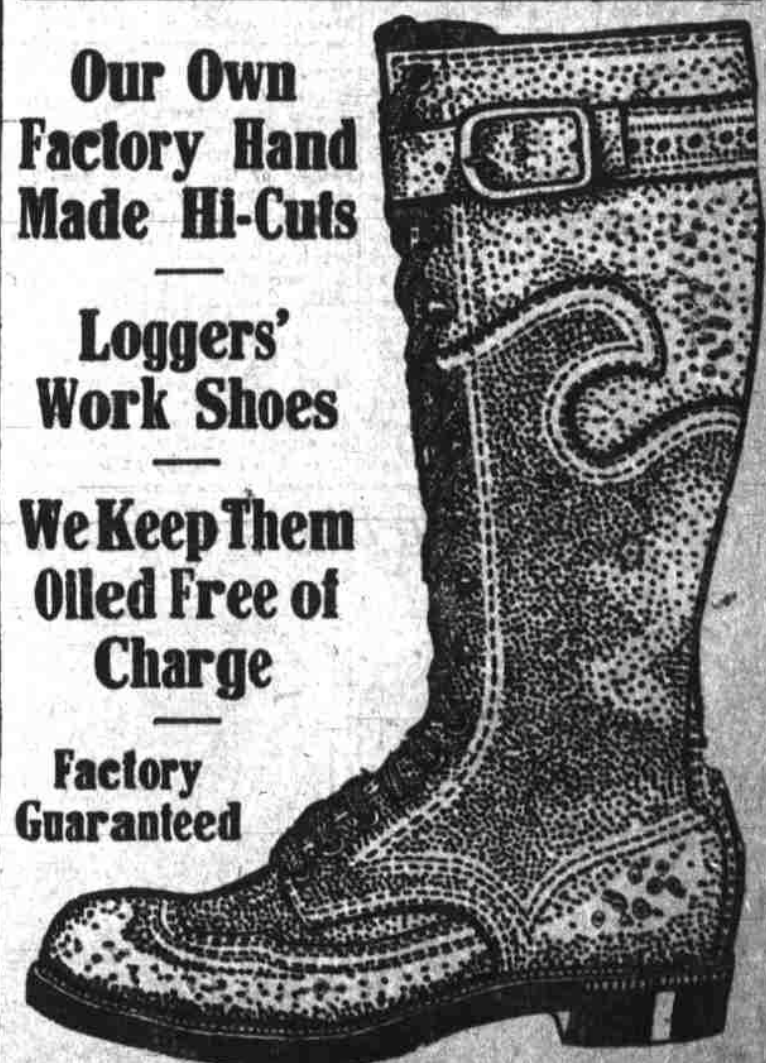
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